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ABSTRACT

If the printer generates the printing data self-completely, the processor in the printer generates the printing data after performing the predetermined processing based on the status information data by use of the font ROM, etc.

The user enables the printing initiation instruction on the status information to be implemented by the switch 36 on the printer 30 (the printing initiation instruction module 33a and the output initiation instruction monitoring module 21a). With the printing initiation instruction, the printer 30 and the host computer 20 performs the two-way communication through the parallel communication I/O interfaces 27 and 19b. Through the communication, the status information output module 33c once transmits the status information obtained in the status information acquisition module 33b on the printer 30 to the host computer 20. When the status information acquisition module 21b on the printer obtains the status information on the host computer 20, the printing data output module 21c generates the printing file 50, and then the printing data output module 21d implements the printing job for the printing file 50. Therefore, it is not necessary to equip the processor and the font ROM with the printer 30 to generate the printing data. The status information can be printed on the simple and low-cost printer 30.